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VANCE'S TRIP TO LONDON - MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 1977

THREAT ANALYSIS

1. A REVIEW OF OUR FILES AND AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE HAS PRODUCED NO DIRECT, IMMEDIATE THREAT TO SECRETARY VANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS TRIP TO LONDON. (UNCLAS)

AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON HAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT SCOTLAND YARD HAS DISCOVERED NO INDICATIONS OF ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROTEST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST SECRETARY VANCE,
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THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, OR U.S. POLICIES. (UNCLAS)

FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FREQUENTLY VISITED LONDON IN THE PAST AND DID NOT ENCOUNTER ANY THREATENING SITUATIONS. MORE RECENTLY, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER AND VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE VISITED LONDON IN OCTOBER 1976 AND JANUARY 1977, RESPECTIVELY. NO

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THREATENING OR EMBARRASSING INCIDENTS OCCURRED DURING THESE VISITS. (UNCLAS)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. TERRORISTS IN LONDON

THE PRIMARY TERRORIST ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE PROVISIONAL WING OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (PIRA). THE PIRA IS NOT KNOWN TO DIRECT ITS TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST U.S. OFFICIALS. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO IRA RELUCTANCE TO ALIENATE IRISH-AMERICANS, WHO ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF ALL IRA FINANCIAL SUPPORT. (UNCLAS)

PIRA ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN DECLINING SOMEWHAT IN THE LONDON AREA. THE LAST ALLEGED PIRA BOMBINGS IN LONDON OCCURRED ON JANUARY 29, 1977. THIS WAS THE FIRST BOMBING IN LONDON IN SEVEN MONTHS. HOWEVER, WITH THE RECENT (FEBRUARY 20, 1977) SENTENCING IN LONDON OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE PIRA TO A TOTAL OF 47 LIFE TERMS PLUS 600 ADDITIONAL YEARS IN JAIL FOR CONDUCTING A CAMPAIGN OF BOMBINGS, KIDNAPPINGS, AND SEVEN MURDERS, A NEW WAVE OF TERROR COULD BEGIN AT ANY TIME. (UNCLAS)

3. DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE U.S. EMBASSY

THE THREE ISSUES WHICH HAVE PRECIPITATED DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ARE: (A) THE DEPORTATION
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OF PHILLIP AGEE (AUTHOR OF "INSIDE THE CIA") AND MARK HOSENBALL FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, (B) U.S. POLICIES IN REGARD TO SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, AND (C) U.S. POLICY TOWARD CYPRUS. (LOU)

THE LARGEST DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE AGEE-HOSENBALL DEFENSE COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN RECENTLY REPORTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO PROSECUTE AGEE IF HE RETURNS TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS ACTION SHOULD DEFUSE SOMEWHAT THE RAISON D'ETRE OF THE AGEE-HOSENBALL GROUP. (LOU)

DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA LAST OCCURRED IN OCTOBER 1976. THE GREEK CYPRIOT GROUP WHICH HAS PROTESTED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS IS SMALL AND NONVIOLENT. THIS GROUP LAST

DEMONSTRATED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1977. THUS, THE POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST THAT SECRETARY VANCE MIGHT ENCOUNTER ONE OF

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED GROUPS AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON. (LOU)

ACTIONS TAKEN

4. THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS BEEN ALERTED TO OUR PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRETARY VANCE AND HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REPORT TO THE SY COMMAND CENTER ANY PERTINENT INTELLIGENCE WHICH MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF SECRETARY VANCE. SY/CC WILL, IN TURN, IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ALL DEVELOPING INFORMATION. MOREOVER, DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS WILL BE SENT TO THE INTELLIGENCE ADVANCE AGENT IN LONDON. (UNCLAS)

CHRONOLOGY OF RECENT INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM DIRECTED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES
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5. FEBRUARY 13, 1977: 35 GREEK CYPRIOTS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THEY WERE PROTESTING U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

6. JANUARY 29, 1977: A DOZEN BOMBS EXPLODED IN LONDON'S OXFORD STREET SHOPPING AREA. THEY WERE THE FIRST BOMBINGS IN LONDON IN SEVEN MONTHS. THE BOMBS WERE ALLEGEDLY PLANTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL WING OF THE IRA. SOME OF THE BOMBS EXPLODED TWO TO THREE BLOCKS FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. (LOU)

7. JANUARY 20, 1977: 25 - 30 PEOPLE DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THEY WERE PROTESTING THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

8. JANUARY 9, 1977: 480 DEMONSTRATORS FROM THE AGEE-HOSENBALL DEFENSE COMMITTEE MARCHED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PROTESTING THE DEPORTATION FROM ENGLAND OF MARK HOSENBALL AND PHILLIP AGEE. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

9. DECEMBER 1976: THERE WAS AN UNUSUAL OUTPOURING OF TELEPHONIC BOMB THREATS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. (LOU)

,0. DECEMBER 11, 1976: 50 DEMONSTRATORS OF THE AGEE-HOSENBALL DEFENSE COMMITTEE DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THEY WERE PROTESTING THE DEPORTATION FROM ENGLAND OF MARK HOSENBALL AND PHILLIP AGEE. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

11. DECEMBER 9, 1976: TWELVE DEMONSTRATORS OF THE

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JAMAICAN WORKING SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT
OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THEY WERE DEMONSTRATING
AGAINST CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
JAMAICA. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

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12. OCTOBER 30, 1976: A SMALL GROUP APPEARED AT THE
AMERICAN EMBASSY TO PRESENT A PETITION PROTESTING AGAINST
AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE RHODESIAN
PROBLEM. NO INCIDENTS. (LOU)

13. OCTOBER 10, 1976: 250 DEMONSTRATORS FROM "BLACK
PEOPLE IN SUPPORT OF LIBERATION IN SOUTH AFRICA" MARCHED
PAST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THEY WERE PROTESTING U.S.
GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA. (LOU).
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